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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  To Commissioner For Patents Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.	Application Number	09/817,971
	Filing Date	MARCH 27, 2001
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	Group Art Unit	2621
	Examiner Name	NGUYEN, HUY THANH
	Attorney Docket Number	GB000041

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (may not be a brief)

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))

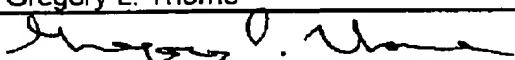
b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

a. ☐ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Payment by credit card authorization (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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